

REMARKS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants will now address stated issues and grounds for rejection of the pending claims under the appropriate subheadings.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 5 to 7 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of Claim 2. Claims 9 and 10 have been newly added.

No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein.

Rejection of Claims 5-7 Under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 5 to 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Perry *et al.* (US Patent No. 4,659,474) in view of GB 2027614 (GB '614). In particular, the Examiner stated that Perry *et al.* teach tablets coated with a with a polymer and that GB '614 teaches polydiallylamine in the free base form and salt form as a semipermeable film on a substrate. Therefore the Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use polydiallylamine as the coating in the composition of Perry *et al.* to achieve the beneficial effect of a semipermeable film.

The instant claims are directed to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a unit dosage form of an effective amount of a polydiallylamine homopolymer, which is free of alkylated amine monomers and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. As set forth in the specification, the pharmaceutical composition can be used, for example, as a bile acid sequestrant for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis and/or reduction of serum cholesterol.

The disclosure of a tablet in Perry *et al.* does not render obvious Applicants' pharmaceutical composition in tablet form, which has a distinct structure. A tablet is defined, in one instance, in The Compact Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition, (a copy of which is enclosed for your review, as Attachment I) as:

A small, flat, and comparatively thin piece of stone, metal, wood, ivory or other material, artificially shaped for some purpose; a small slab.

Therefore, a tablet can be a non-pharmaceutical composition such as in Perry *et al.* where the tablet is a purification and ultrafiltration membrane in tablet form. Perry *et al.* do not teach or

suggest Applicants' claimed pharmaceutical composition comprising a unit dosage form of a polydiallylamine homopolymer free of alkylated amine monomers and crosslinked by means of a multifunctional crosslinking agent at about 2.5-20% by weight.

Further, in the communication from the Examiner dated April 9, 2004, the Examiner states that:

In response to the applicant's argument that Perry *et al.* do not teach the polymer as an active agent, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art structure in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art.

However, Applicants' claimed pharmaceutical composition is structurally different from Perry *et al.* That is, Perry *et al.* teach basic polymer membrane supports (e.g., polyacrylonitrile) which can be modified by the deposition of a hydrophilic polymer (e.g., polyethyleneimine) on the membrane and then optionally crosslinked. The polymers are used in ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis processes for the concentration and purification of liquids.

Perry *et al.* mention polydiallylamine polymers at Col. 8, line 62 and tablets at Col. 12, line 25. However, the tablets described at Col. 12, line 25 of Perry *et al.* are not tablets of polydiallylamine. Rather, the tablets described at Col. 12, line 25 of Perry *et al.* are tablets of the modified filtration membrane (e.g., an acrylonitrile polymer modified by deposition of a polyethyleneimine). Further, at Col. 8, line 62, Perry *et al.* teach a long list of hydrophilic polymers, which can be used to modify the basic polymer membrane of the filtration devices described. Clearly, these teachings in Perry *et al.* taken either separately or in combination neither teach nor suggest a pharmaceutical composition comprising a unit dosage form of crosslinked polydiallylamine homopolymer which is free of alkylation and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

GB '614 does not cure the deficiencies of Perry *et al.* GB '614 discloses a semipermeable composite membrane comprising a microporous substrate and a thin semipermeable film of a polymeric material deposited on one side of the substrate. The thin film can be polydiallylamine. This disclosure of polydiallylamine as a coating for a porous composite membrane in combination with Perry *et al.* (polymeric membrane supports of, for example,

polyacrylonitrile) does not make obvious Applicants' claimed pharmaceutical composition of crosslinked polydiallylamine homopolymer which is free of alkylation and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Applicants believe all pending claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) and are patentable over the teachings of Perry *et al.* either alone or in view of GB '614. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, Claims 5 to 7 have been canceled.

Objection of Claim 8

The Examiner has stated that Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The objection is not understood as Claim 8 is dependent on Claim 2, which the Examiner has stated is allowed. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of Claim 2, as requested by the Examiner. Clarification is requested in the next Communication from the Office.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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... for a little book, 1817 Lady Morgan's *Penelope*, p. 11. The 'table' of the poorest peasant. ... H. BARNARD *Lodger for Twelve* 81 George ... Wiltshire rule and a miraculous succession of ... 1806. 1807 P. O'Malley *Story of Canada* 30 ... 1 his best from table-edge to door. From 1809 ... G. HARVEY *Four Little* 181. (Grosart) 1. 1. A grateful ... client had given me a heavy bronze table-lighter. 1816 ... T. Evans *Children of Dynamis* 11. 60 Only a table-lamp ... burned, its weak bulb not up to the task of fully illuminating ... the room. 1817 D. E. Westlake *Lady's Perfect* 10 He'd ... asked that TV repair shop—he'd even brought in a perfectly ... good Sony table model and let them charge him for six new ... tubes.

TABLE-CUT

contemp. Rev. Dec. 873 'Tableaued' year-by-year in ... la-Christmas crib, the Ass and the Ox, have ... only less familiar than the Shepherds.

board.
board for backgammon or any similar
= TABLE sb. 4.8. BOARD sb. 2. C. Obs.
2th. *Angl. 1761* A Table-board, *tabula*, 1540 ... a woman in state of her workbasket, to handle the ... d. 1633 *WESTER DEVI'S LAW-CASE* i. 1. Shaking ... at the table-board, 1905 (see TABLEMAN 1).
= board forming the top of a table; also a ... of, or dial.

In H. Hall *Soc. Ethic.* Age vii. (1886) 90 ... rds, forms, and a counting table, 1668 ... in *Wind. Tracts* (1747) 33 Walnut-tree ... of which ... one table-boards and (rings for chairs, 1733 W. ... *NY Perspective* p. 14. The Table Board fixed on the ... 1847-78 HALLIWELL, *Table-board*, a table.

rd; i.e. meals, without lodging. U.S.
York Herald 27 Oct. 1913 First class table Board ... of Univ. Nebraska 177 Table board ranges from ... 12-50 per week.

book.
book composed of tablets for memoranda;
or note-book or memorandum-book.
rare.

1816 *Saffron Walden Wks.* (Grosart) III. 67 ... 'busie with their Table-books, to gather ... from Saffron Walden Wks. 1816 7. 136 ... *Wks.* (Malh.) III. 333 Writing my notes out of my ... k. 1669 *Perry's Diary* 10 May, Found in the dead ... table-book, wherein were entered the ... several places where he was to go. 1711-12 *Swift* ... 23 Jan. He thanked me for telling him, and ... and put his name in his table-book. 1816 *SPINCE* ... 1876 He was observed to be writing ... le book. 1853 *THACKERAY Henry Edward* II. 9 ... off Finistère on the 1st of July, so Edmund's ... k informs him. 1897 *BLUNDEN Eliza* 11 Might ... New York his table-book to communicate ... a that could do well in the nerve centres of a ... tase!

book of arithmetic or other tables; a ... reckoner, or the like.
DARLEY *Sylvia* 28 He cannot count his fingers ... table-book.
ornamental book for a drawing-room

1816 George Cruikshank's *Table-Book*, 188. *Lit.* ... (Chen.) The Chinese table-book has well ... and, well-illustrated editions of famous ... to table-book-wise adv. Obs., in the ... of a table-book (sense 1).

overlaid. For. *For.* (table) 27 Some do use to have a ... r books fairly bound up table-book-wise.

loth ('teb(ə)lθ, -θ, -θ; for pl. see CLOTH ... cloth, usually of white linen, spread upon ... in preparation for a meal, and upon ... he dishes, plates, etc. are placed.

one. & *Housh. Exp.* (Roxb.) 100 My master paid ... tablecloth (i.e. v.d. 1806-7) *Rev. St. Mary* at ... n, 6 dyers 1 tablecloth for the high altar. 1575 ... Clark *Compendium* (1816) 101 The tablecloth ... ver do wipe his hands or fingers of the table cloth ... ly for every time. 1816 B. Young *Gazette* 3. Cio. ... 15 Y table cloths were spread. 1816 HOLLAND ... *Brit.* (1697) 181 Table cloths and linen used in ... n Coronation. 1815 *Mss. GASKELL North & S.* ... the-basket(s), full of tablecloths and napkins, ... wh. Exam. 9 Sept. 31. Equal to the task of ... a laundress in the ironing of a tablecloth.

cloth, usually of woolen material and ... ornamental design, used to cover a table ... ently or when not in use for meals; = ... ver (TABLE sb. 22).

Sag. Wom. Dom. Mag. (1862) IV. 100 If the green ... be too little I will make a pair of warm stockings ... 1 Crockett *Kit Kennedy* xix: 138 The letter was ... on the tablecloth, with a fast-falling rain of tears ... it.

Name for a cloud covering the flat top ... ing down over the edge of Table in ... at the Cape of Good Hope.

neyl. Brit. (ed. 3) VIII. 1612 The Table Land or ... is sometimes suddenly capped with a white cloud, ... jalled the 'spreading of the Table-cloth' 1816 ... (1843) 20 When the cloud that they call the ... it comes down, people are often lost in the fog ... m. Gaz. 11 Oct. 1813. I had no time to spare for the ... Table Mountain, and the tablecloth of clouds ... vade me to attempt it.

'table-clothing' (-kloθ, -θ, -θ), linen for ... uths; 'table-cloth-wise adv., in the ... of a table-cloth; 'table-clothly' (-kloθ, ... resembling or suggesting a table-cloth ... o. *ELIOT A. Bride* xxii. 11 In my living linen span, an' ... it the while it'll make sheeting and table-clothing ... en she married. 1861 *KIPUSNO Life's Handicap* ... sage 150 Clouds of rainy day, ... hung themselves ... use among the tops of the parished trees, ... again. 1866 *HOWELLS Vernet. Life* 11. Where the ... carven in vast and heavy folds, ... to simulate a ... a harshness decidedly table-cloth.

ut. a. cut. [f. TABLE sb. used ... ily. a. sub. ppl. a. or sb.] Of a diamond

... 1816 *WILSON* *Table*, 1473 *Table* ... lighter. 1816 N. B. *Whisper in Glass* i. vii. 90 ... Applying his cigar to a massive table-lighter. 1863 A. ... NISSETT *Technique and Studio* 1. 30 There are four types ... of table-lights. 1816 (P. R. D.) 1. 1. A grateful ... client had given me a heavy bronze table-lighter. 1816 ... T. Evans *Children of Dynamis* 11. 60 Only a table-lamp ... burned, its weak bulb not up to the task of fully illuminating ... the room. 1817 D. E. Westlake *Lady's Perfect* 10 He'd ... asked that TV repair shop—he'd even brought in a perfectly ... good Sony table model and let them charge him for six new ... tubes.

TABLED

or other precious stone: Cut in the form of a ... 'table'; see TABLE sb. 18 and TABLE DIAMOND.

1688 *Load. Gaz.* No. 23304. Lost ... a Diamond Ring. ... Table Cut. 1704 *Ibid.* No. 40464. 8 Rings, one a Diamond ... with 2 Stones. Table-cut. 1905 A. L. *Langue. Mag.* ... Apr. 1906. I could not tell what stones the table-cut stones were.

b. sb. The style of cutting a precious stone as described above.

So table-cutting, a lapidary who cuts precious stones in 'table'; table-cutting = b.

1879 E. W. STREETER *Precious Stones* iv. 23 A little later (than 1373) the so-called 'table-cutters' at Nürnberg, and all other stone-engravers, formed themselves into a guild. 1897 *KWITT* *Zeit. Mech.* 247161 Table-cutting is adopted with flat thin gems, which have not sufficient prismatic ... to be cut as rose diamonds or brilliants.

tabled ('teib(ə)ld), a. [f. TABLE sb. and v.]

1. a. Made in or into the form of a table or flat surface; shaped like a table; spec. = TABLE-CUT a. 1816 *WELCH* *Exord.* xxv. 11 The tabernacle, and the roof ... and the covering, rhyms, and the tabid sides. 1875 ... LUNHAM *Let.* (Ballad Soc.) 51 Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, and Sapphires; pointed, tabid, rose, and round. 1833 J. B. *St. Herbert's Life* 9 Mountains with tabled ... 1853 M. *Arnold's Empeletores on Elze* 11. 177 Sitting on a table stone.

b. Seated at table. rare-1. 1823 *JOHN* *Ulysses* 107 He gazed round the stooled and ... d. 1879

2. Pictured, depicted, rare. 1848 *BALBY* *Festus* (ed. 4) viii. 84 The morbid revel and the shameless mate. The tabled hues of darkness and of blood.

3. Entered on a list; listed. Sc. 1830 *SIN T. Hope Minor Practica* (1789) 9 The Keeper ... is supposed to have to the Toiletbooth-wail the Roll of the tabled Causes.

4. Having a table or tables: in comb., as double-tabled ad., having two tables; leaves, or tablets (cf. TABLE sb. 2). 1848 *BALBY* *Festus* (ed. 4) xix. 216 The bright universe. The double tabled roof of Heaven and earth.

table d'hôte (tabl dɔ; anglicized, tab(ə)l daut). [Fr. = host's table.] A common table for guests at a hotel or eating-house; a public meal served there at a stated hour and at a fixed price; an ordinary. Also attrib. as table d'hôte dinner.

1817 *MORSON* *Lit.* 111. 60 Neither at this time was there any ordinary Table (with which call Table d'hôte, the Host's table). 1816 *COWLEY* *En. Verse & Prose. Liberty* Wks. (1884) 83 All this is but Tabl'd Host: 'tis crowded with people for whom he cares not. 1759 H. WALPOLE *Lit.* 10 H. *Country* 10 Sept. Mrs. Howe, who rides a foot-chaise, and dines at the table d'hôte at Greenwich. 1816 *Gentl. Mag.* LXXXVI. 1. 1812 At Dunkirk. I found a good table d'hôte, a luxury which foreign travellers do not find in England. 1838 *Murray's Handbook. N. Corn.* 3001 The table d'hôte dinner ... takes place at 2 o'clock.

'table diamond.' [f. TABLE sb. 18 + DIAMOND.] A diamond cut with a table or large flat upper surface surrounded by small facets; esp. a thin diamond cut so cut having a flat under surface.

1870 N. C. *Wills* (Surt. 1905) 56 A ring of gold with table diamonds and set with 1816 *HOLLAND* *Phil.* (1634) 11. 604 A black carkey with a sapphire, garnished with three table diamonds, one loose diamond, upon great pointed diamonds. 1667 in *Herod's* *Mem.* App. vii. (1822) 212 A ring, with a table diamond on the head. 1790 D. *Journals Diamonds & Pearls* 58 The manufacture of 'table and Rose Diamonds. 1813 *Encycl. Brit.* VIII. 6 The forms into which the diamond is cut are the brilliant, the rose, and the table. 1877 W. *Jones* *Princ. Ring* 179 A ring with seventy-five table-diamonds, set in gold.

tableful ('teib(ə)lfu). [f. TABLE sb. + -FUL.] The amount or number that a table will hold or accommodate. a. As many (persons) as can be seated at a table; a company seated at a table and occupying all the seats around it.

1535 *CLEVELAND Mark* vi. 30 He commanded them all to sit down by table full upon the green grass. 1774 *ABINGHAM* *Adams in Fam. Lett.* (1876) 35 We make a table full at meal times. 1858 O. W. *Holmes* *Aut. Breakf.* i. iii. One man who is a little too literal can spoil the talk of a whole tableful of men of spirit.

b. As many (things) as a table will hold or is holding, all that is on the table.

1848 H. A. *Vaughan* *Lat. 26 Dec.* in *Lett. to Lady Herbert* (1941) 134 Mrs. Vaughan gave us tablefuls of excellent food. 1895 *Geo. Eliot* *Middlemarch* II. iv. xxv. 248 Lydgate's tableful of apparatus and specimens. 1836 *Philosophy Times* 9 Jan. (Cent.). Three large tablefuls of housekeeping things. 1797 *Zigzag* *Obit.* 1512 He was so pleased to see me that he threw a whole tableful of ... in the moment!

† tableity. *Obs. notice-wd.* [f. TABLE sb. + -ITY; rendering Erasmus's *Li mensuralis* for Cr. *veneris* (Diog. Laertes). Cf. CUPPUITY.] The abstract quality of a table.

1542 *Udall. Eram. Apoph.* 123 b. Having in his mouth ... the said forges vocabules of the Ideas, as for example, tableters, for the faction of table. *Ibid.* 124 b (see CUPPUITY). 1650 *STANLEY Hist. Philol.* vii. (1701) 1281 Plato answered, it is true indeed, you have eyes by which the Table and Cup are seen; but not an intellect, by which Tableity and Cupidity are seen. 1705 *Locke* *Defens. App. Perit. Idemity* (1769) 1 Personality therefore may be ranked among the whole scholastic terms of corporeity, equity, tableity, etc.

used in a hinged table-leaf; table-lifting, the lifting of a table by supposed spiritual agency (cf. TABLE-TURNING); table-lime, in *Palmyra*, a line running from beneath the little finger to the base of the index-finger, forming the upper boundary of the 'table'; table-linen, linen for use at table, as table-cloths and table-napkins; table-lodger, one who lodges the host-table of a lift; table-maid, a domestic servant who lays the table and waits at meals; table-maker, a joiner

'table-land' (f. TABLE sb. + LAND sb.) An elevated region of land with a generally level surface, of large or considerable extent; a lofty plain; a plateau.

1697 *DAMPYR* *Voy. L. xii.* 331 'The most remarkable Land at Sea is a high Mountain, steep to the Sea, with a flat even top, which is called the Table Land (at the Cape of Good Hope). 1774 *Cook Voy. S. Pole* iii. iv. (1777) I. 30 At sun-rise we discovered a high table land (an island) bearing E. by S. 1844 *Mss. Mirror* *Village Ser.* 1. 70 (Luty) The common ... is one of a series of heathy hills, or rather a high table land, pierced in one part by a ravine or marshy ground. 1890 *BARNES-GOULD* *Ed. of West* I. 2. 135 The great irregular tableland of Dartmoor, over a thousand feet above the sea.

b. Without a or pl.: Elevated level ground. 1836 W. *Living* *Astoria* (1849) 248 These lofty plate of table-land seem to form a peculiar feature in the American continent. 1846 *Tuxen Highl. Turkey* II. 190 One long line of table-land ... half mountain, half plain.

c. fig. 1820 *HALLIUT* *Lect. Dram. Lit.* 12 He (Shakespeare) indeed overlooks and commands the admiration of posterity, but he does it from the table-land of the age in which he lived. 1896 *Geo. Eliot* *Dan. Der.* iii. xxi. A healthy Briton on the central table-land of life.

tableless ('teib(ə)lɪs), a. [-LESS.] Without a table; unfurnished with a table.

1817 H. *KNOX* *Life* *John* 183. I am ... conducted into the crowded partition in a doll's house, clean as a match-box, but tableless and chairless. 1868 *Strand Mag.* Oct. 4511 The tableless, curtainless, carpetless, chestless apartment.

† tableman. *Obs. Pl.* men-

1. One of the 'men' or pieces used in any game played on a board; esp. backgammon.

1693 *Cash. Angl.* 1761 A Tabley man, *scacrus* ... 1834 *Camden Misc.* (1813) 39 One piece of table of a game, ... without table men. 1820 *BACON* *Sylvia* 1158 A Soft body dampeth the Sound ... And therefore ... in College they use to line the Tables ... H. *Wicks* 7. *Brus* ii. 123 He saw everywhere Cards and Dice, Tables and Table-men. 1795 *SLOANE* *Jamaica* II. 136 The wood (Guacum) is good for bowls, tables, table-men, and cabinets. 1905 *ELIOT* *Cat. C.* 186 The list of chess boards and chess-men, table-boards and table-men in the king's possession.

2. Applied in contempt to a gamester. 1868 *Diogenes* *Lambert* *of* *Camden* D. Knowing that your most selected Gallants are the only Table-men that are paid withal at Ordinaries. 1869 — *Gulls* *Horn-bk.* *Introd.* 2 All the painted table-men about you, take you to be better acquainted to rich and idle.

† tablemaid. *adv. Obs. rare-1.* [f. TABLE sb. (sense 13 a) + MAID rendering L. *tabulatrix*.] By 'table'; led by hand.

1840 *Palld.* on *Hush.* 111. 148 This ymne olde cke griffe him table maid.

tablement ('teib(ə)lmənt). [f. TABLE sb. + -MENT, after L. *tabulamentum*, cf. *tabulure*.] 1. Arch. = TABLE sb. 12 a; also, a foundation or basement.

1300 *Cursor M.* 1678 A schippe be-houses be to dight ... Fuiren (ellen) on height, pat on pennent. Fro ground vnto be tabulment. 13. E. *Ed. P. A.* 993 Ych tabulment was a scripless stone. 1629 *CANTON* *Faytes* of A. II. xxv. 147 An edifice made of great timber and of tabulment with many columns and struts. 1800 *HOLLAND* *Phil.* (1634) 11. 604 Stones larger than small tablements of pillars or counting boards. 1869 — *Plutarch* *M. 1106* We sat us down upon the tablements on the South side of the temple. 1853 *PARSON* *Turner's* *Dow. Archit.* II. v. 118 So that a decent stone tablement be made on the wall.

† 2. A wooden frontal for an altar: = TABULA 2. 1848 *Vatican Church.* *Arch. (Som. Rec. Soc.)* 86 Payde to W. Stubbe paying to Braystone to set the tabulment. 1800 in *With. Arch.* *etc.* *Mag.* (1855) II. 310 Pd. for making of the tabulment of the High Altar. 1853 *Im. Ch. Good* *Barth.* 24 A cloth to hang before the tabulment.

† 3. A tabulation, list, catalogue. *Obs. rare.* 1852 *RICHMOND* *Father. Knowl.* Ep. to King. And thus will I omit this tabulment of vnapish hap.

† tabler¹. *Obs.* Also 4 tablers, 5 tabler². [In sense 1, a. OF. *tablier* (12-13th c. in Godef.) = L. *tabularium*, in one of its medieval senses, f. *tabula* table; cf. TABLE sb. 4.]

1. A backgammon board; hence, the game of backgammon or 'tables'. Also, a chess-board. 1303 R. *BUNNIS* *Hundt. Syme* 1041 To play at ye chess or at ye tablete. 1800 *Langham* *Chirug.* 247 Wynnne a monpe he myt se to pleie at ye tablete. 1828 *Ltbo. In Gull. Pigr.* 17323 Squar as ye a Tablete. 24. Metr. *Voc.* in W. *Wulker* 626113 *Scacrum* chessure, *elte* tablete, *deu* dyce, *2474* *CANTON* *Chess* v. i. (1883) 61 Wherefore y' then ben in the tablete as many povens wyde as ben full. 2. (?) A table-cloth or a towel: med.L. *tabulium*.

1392 *Reg. Derby's* *Exp.* (Camden) 178 Graunson bastard pro 1 tablete per ipsum curi' bidu pro domino, 111 scot. 1392 *Ibid.* 281 Pro 111 bidu, coroni et matre. pro 1 tablete.

† tabler² ('teib(ə)r). [f. TABLE sb. and v. + -ER; in sense 1 = OF. *tabacur*; in other senses = OF. *tablier*.]

† 1. A player at backgammon. Cf. *TABLING* vbl. sb. 2. Obs.

1803 R. *PARKHURST* *Infamities* 19 Dyers, tablers, carders, sweaters or vehemently suspected thereof. 1873 *GRAND* *Infamities* 123 Referred to as 20 Many of you shall be ... a hunter, hawker, dicer, carder, tablete.

having a flat top like that of a table; table-tree, an adjustable table-like rest mounted on a lathe; table-turf = table-rod; table-vessel, a vessel for use at table; tash vessels collectively (obs.); table-water, water (esp. a mineral water) suitable for drinking at table; table-wheel; see quot., table wine, wine suitable for drinking with a meal, esp. plain wine which is not fortified or sparkling; a wine of this class; cf. *TAPELWEIN*, *vin de table* s.v. VIN 3; table-work

TABLER

† 2. Rendering Gr. *γραφεύτης*, a money-changer.

1850 *CHEEK* *Matt.* xiv. 27 You schold yerfoor haav put out mi meni to y' tabler.

3. a. One who gets his meals at another's table for payment; = BOARDER 1. *Obs. or rare.*

1598 *FLORIO Ital. Dict.*, *Commensale*, a fellow boarder, a fellow commensal, a fellow tabler. 1641 *Huxw. Gaz.* 3. *Brom* iii. 10 He was sent ... to be taught and trained up under one James Roe ... where he continued a Scholar and Tabler for the space of three years. 1714 M. *Henry* *Life* *F. Talbot* *Wks.* 1831 1. 624 He left off house-keeping, and went to be a tabler. 1755 *JOHNSON*, *Boarder*, a tabler; one that eats with another at a settled rate.

b. One who boards persons. *Obs.* 1668 *BATHURST* *Comment* *Two Tables* 8 We are to suppose him to be a Lodger or Tabler of Scholars and other Artists, for their Chamber and weekly Commons.

4. In senses 4-8 of TABLE v.; as in 'the tabler of the resolution', etc.

1810 in N.E.D. 1898 H. *WILSON* *Governance of Britain* vii. 124 If the tablers of each of these questions are called by Mr. Speaker, no other question is called.

5. With initial capital. A member of the Round Table organization; a Round-Tabler.

1895 (see SCORPIONER 2, and sb.). 1893 *Stratton* 21 Feb. 8/4. During lunch with some executives of the Round Table ... the prominent young Tabler, from Lower Yarrow ... suggested [etc.]. 1897 *Abingdon Herald* 10 Mar. 2/5 Between them, the 1215 Tablers are buying an off-shore lifeboat.

'table-rapping, sb. (and a.) The production of raps or knocking sounds on a table without apparent physical means; by spiritualists ascribed to the agency of departed spirits, and as a supposed means of communication with them. Also as adv. and 'table-rapper, one who practises table-rapping.

1856 *Spiritual Herald* Apr. 73 The matter has been explained to us thus ... Table-turning and table-rapping are designed to call attention to the existence and presence of super-human powers. 1858 *HAWTHORNE* *Fr. & It. Novels* 11. 141 He made his communication by means of table-rapping. 1860 *All Year* *Round* No. 64. 328 His aunt, who almost made a profession of table-rapping, who kept a journal of her spiritual experiences. 1869 *Parson's* *Mag.* Feb. 3771. I could not ring a bell when there was none to ring, as spirits do in table-rappers' closets. 1898 M. *FAULKNER* *All their Songers* x. 60 Familiar association with bogus lords and persons ... seersayers ... table-rappers ... medical quacks, [etc.]. 1917 *PYNNON* *Gravety* *Rainbow* 1. 55 The young staidist is devoted to number and to method, not table-rapping or wishful thinking.

Table Round, = ROUND TABLE sb.

'table ruby. A ruby cut with a large flat upper surface surrounded by small facets; cf. TABLE sb. 18, TABLE DIAMOND.

1529 in *Wills* *Dow. Camd.* (Camden) 18 One ring with a table ruby. 1660 F. *BROOKS* *Tr. Le Blanc's* *Trac.* 285. I gave a table Ruby to my Sister. 1901 *Wern. Gaz.* 31 Dec. 11 The Cornish ring ... will probably take the form of a plain gold ring set with a large table ruby, on which is engraved a plan of St. George's Cross.

'table-spoon. A spoon (larger than a dessert-spoon) used for taking soup, and, in a larger size, for serving vegetables, puddings, etc. at table. Also loosely = TABLESPOONFUL.

1763 *Brit. Mag.* IV. 275 The villain note two large table-spoons. 1865 *DICKENS* *M. Fr.* i. ii. Like a large in a table-spoon. 1900 E. *DAVIS* *For. Pres.* *Cooking* 60 For a lb. of fruit add 6 tablespoons of vanilla sugar. 1901 *Sunday Tel.* 8 Mar. 11/4 Cucumber soup, 1 small onion; 1 clove garlic; 3 tablespoons sunflower oil; [etc.].

Hence 'tablespoonful, as much as a table-spoon holds; also fig.

1772 *HOOCH* in *Phil. Trans.* LXVIII. 140 Half a table-spoonful of the ... solution. 1896 *KANE* *Art. Expl.* I. xvi. 108 Brandy ... served out in tablespoonful doses. 1880 (see CONTINUOUS ppl. a. 3b). 1894 *WALSH* *Coffee* (Philad.) 240 Add half tablespoonful of powdered chicory to two tablespoonfuls of ground coffee.

'table-stone.

† 1. *Arch.* A flat stone, a stone tablet; also, a horizontal stone. *Obs.*

1807-8 *Durham Arch. Rolls* (Surtees) 641 Pro. nova operacione et positione tabulariorum (in the walls of a church). 1554 *Aberdeen Reg.* (1842) 1. 261 Findand sufficient hewyn stanes to the hall work with the wall stane of the gavlill and makand the said tabulith wirtichthir.

2. *Archaeol.* a. A flat stone supported by two or more upright stones; a cromlech or dolmen; also, the horizontal stone forming the top of this.

1800 T. A. *FAULSTICH* *Summ. Britany* II. 88 These dolmens, or table-stones, consist ... of one large flat mass supported by several upright stones. 1880 *JERRARD* *G. Ferne* F. 150 He crawled right under the table-stone of the dolmen.

b. A small flat round stone supposed to have been used in a game resembling draughts. 1893 D. *WILSON* *Preh. Arch.* (1863) II. iv. vi. 333 Table-stones, or draughtmen, are found alongside the weapons and other relics buried with the warrior.

tablet ('teiblɪt), sb. Forms: 4-6 tablete, 5 tabulette, -elet (te, taplet), 5-6 tablet, tabletlet, 6 tabuletta, Sc. tablet, tabulante, 6-tablet. [a. OF.

b. U.S. A small table, esp. one u for house-plants; a bedside table.